

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A document examination apparatus comprising:
- an examination document storing unit which stores an electronic examination document in an examination document
- 5 database,
- an attribute information storing unit which stores attribute information of examiners responsible for examining the examination document as an attribute information database,
- 10 a selecting unit for allowing a requester to select an examiner on the basis of the attribute information of examiners, and
- an examination requesting unit which requests examination of the examination document to the examiner
- 15 selected by the a selecting unit through a network.
2. The document examination apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
- an examination document browsing unit for allowing
- 20 the examiner to browse the examination document,
- a collecting unit which collects the examination result of the examination document examined by the examiner, and
- an examination result browsing unit for allowing the
- 25 requester to browse the examination result collected by the

collecting unit.

3. The document examination apparatus according to claim
2, in which the examination document storing unit sets the
5 degree of importance of the examination document
corresponding to the attribute information of examiners,
and the examination document browsing unit controls
permission or prohibition of browsing depending on the degree
of importance.

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4. The document examination apparatus according to claim
2, further comprising an urging unit which checks the status
of collection of the examination result, and urges for an
examination to the examiner in charge before and after the
15 preset collection period.

5. The document examination apparatus according to claim
2, further comprising an examination result storing unit
which attaches an XML tag to every phrase in the collected
20 examination result, and stores the examination result as
an examination result database; and

a summary result browsing unit which sums up the
examination results stored in the examination result
database, and allowing the requester to browse the summary
25 result.

6. The document examination apparatus according to claim 1, in which the examination document storing unit stores at least the file of the examination documents converted into an XML file in the examination document database.

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7. The document examination apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a model presenting unit which presents an examination document stored in the examination document database as a model when compiling the examination document.

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8. A document examination method comprising the steps of:

storing an electronic examination document in an examination document database,

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storing attribute information of examiners responsible for examining the examination document in an attribute information database,

allowing a requester to select an examiner on the basis of the attribute information of the examiners, and

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requesting examination of the examination document to the selected examiner through a network.

9. A computer program containing instructions, which when executed on a computer, causes the computer to perform the

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steps of:

storing an electronic examination document in an
examination document database,

storing attribute information of examiners
responsible for examining the examination document in an
5 attribute information database,

allowing a requester to select an examiner on the basis
of the attribute information of the examiners, and

requesting examination of the examination document
to the selected examiner through a network.

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10. The computer program according to claim 9 causing the
computer to further perform the steps of:

allowing the examiner to browse the examination
document,

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collecting the examination result of the examination
document examined by the examiner, and

allowing the requester to browse the collected
examination result.

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11. The computer program according to claim 10, wherein
when storing the examination document, a degree of importance
of the examination document is set corresponding to the
attribute information of examiners, and a permission for
browsing is given in accordance with the degree of

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importance.

12. The computer program according to claim 10, causing
the computer to further perform the step of checking the
status of collection of the examination result, and urging
examination to the examiner in charge before and after the
5 preset collection period.

13. The computer program according to claim 10, causing
the computer to further perform the steps of:
attaching an XML tag to every phrase in the collected
10 examination result;
storing the examination result in an examination
result database;
summing up the examination results stored in the
examination result database; and
15 allowing the requester to browse the summary result.

14. The computer program according to claim 9, wherein
at least the file of the examination documents converted
into an XML file is stored in the examination document
20 database.

15. The computer program according to claim 9, causing
the computer to further perform the step of presenting an
examination document stored in the examination document
25 database as a model when compiling the examination document.